CAUCTION MALES

BY H. W. SEVERANCE.

On Tuesday, - - - Feb. 20. At 12 O'Clock, M., at Sales Room, The Undersigned will sell at Public Auction,

for Account of whom it may Concern; The Hawaiian Steamer KILAUEA 414 Tons per Register or Therebouts, As she now lies Stranded at Kawaihae, together with all her Machinery, Masts, Yards, Anchors,

Chains and Rigging, Now remaining on Board, including 2 Boats, with ours; Handspikes, Chain Hooks, 2 Buckets, Hawsets, Stove Flatures, I Harness Cask, 1 Saw, 1 Axe, Fish Hooks for anchors, 1 Lead Line, House on Deck, I Cabin Table and Settees 4 Iron Davits with Blocks and Falls as are, &c. &c.

H. W. SEVERANCE, Auctioneer. N. B .- Particulars of the state of the KILAUEA may be ascertained by the copy of the Surveyors' Report to be seen at

On Wednesday, - - - Feb. 21st, At 10 o'clock, A. M., will be sold at Sales Room of the undersigned

INVOICES GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Crockery. Rice, Woodenware, Dry Goods, Tea. Matches, Cigars, H. W. SEVERANCE, Auctioneer.

Household Furniture AT AUCTION. On TUESDAY - - - Feb. 27th,

AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M., At the Residence of H. W. Severance, Fort St. Witt be sold:

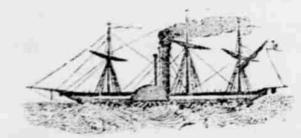
All the Furniture of the House

Consisting of Cottage Piano Forte, Rosewood case, Sofar, Tables, Chairs, Bureaus, Lounges, Koa Bedsteads, Hair Mattrasses, Wardrobe, Pictures, Dining Table, Secretary, Whatnot, Cane Seat Chairs, Washstands, Crockery and Glassware,

KITCHEN FURNITURE, BATH TUB, HOSE. And a Variety of Household Articles.

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The Cal. Steam Nav. Co's Fine Steamship



The 20th of March next.

This vessel has splendid accommodations for passengers and offers great inducements to shippers of FRUIT and other Island

Liberal Cash Advances made on Freight. Merchandise will be received and stored free of charge at any time prior to the return of the steamer and advances made Bills of Lading will be supplied at the Office of the Agents.

For feeight or passage apply to C. BREWER 4 CO., Agents Cal. St. Nav. Co.

Hawaiian Packet Line SAN FRANCISCO.

THE A1 CLIPPER BARK

Smyrniote CHARLES J. LOVETT, Commauder.

WILL SAIL FOR THE ABOVE PORT THIS DAY, Feb. 17th! For freight or passage, having superior accommodations for

cabin and steerage passengers, WALKER, ALLEN & Co.,

Agents at San Francisco. Messrs. Chas. W. Brooks & Co. 506-3t

Hawaiian Packet Line SAN FRANCISCO. THE A1 CLIPPER BARK

Onward D. HEMPSTEAD, Commander.

Will sail for the above port on or about Saturday, Feb. 24th!

For freight or passage having superior accommodations for cabin and steerage passengers. Apply to WALKER ALLEN & Co.

Agents at San Francisco, Messrs, CHAS. W. BROOKS & Co.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The American Clipper Bark

ETHAN ALLEN SNOW. Master. Will be dispatched for the above port

Positively on Saturday, Feb. 24, For Freight or Passage apply to C. L. RICHARDS & Co-

Regular Dispatch Line SAN FRANCISCO!

THE AMERICAN CLIPPER BARK

omet, & Capt. ANDREW FULLER.

WILL HAVE QUICK DISPATCH,

For freight or passage apply to H. HACKFELD & CO. HONOLULU, FEB. 1st, 1866. MR. I. BARTLETT OF THIS CITY HAS

ED. HOFFSCHLAECER & CO., Importers and Commission Merchants, corner of Fort and

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South corner of the Sailor's Home.

THE NEWSPAPER KUOKOA. Published weekly in the Hawalian language. It has the largest circulation in the group, and is read both by Hawaiians and Foreigners. Price \$2.00 a year in advance. Advertisements translated into Hawaiian free of charge. Office, affords.

AUCTION POALES

BY J. H. COLE.

On Thursday, - - - - Feb. 22d. At 10 o'clock, A. M., at Sales Room,

AN ASSORTMENT OF Merchandise! On Saturday, - - - Feb. 24th, AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON.

The Undersigned will sell at his Sales Room, Honolulu, for Account of whom it may Concern: The Wreck of the

HAWAIJAN SCHR. ANNIE LAURIE!

Including 2 Anchors, I Kedge and 2 Chains, Iron Ballast, &c. As they now lay at Koloa, Kauai. Also, the Following Articles! Saved from the wreck of the ANNIE LAURIE.

now on shore at Koloa. Lurge Boat, with 5 cars and rowlocks, 1 Main Boom,
 Main Gaff, 1 Square Sail Yard, 1 Tackle, with 2 blocks.
 Grappling Iron, 1 Rudder.

Also, the Following Articles! Saved from the Wreck of the ANNIE LAURIE

1 Mainsail, 1 Foresail, 1 Jib, 1 Squaresail, Main Rigging, 1 Water Cask, 1 Harness Cask, 1 Poi Cask, 1 Wheel and Tiller, 4 Provision Buckets, 1 Iron Safe, 1 Clock, 1 Looking Glass, 1 Telescope, 2 Compasses, 2 Binnacle Lamps,

and brought to Honolulu :

1 Hawaiiso Flag. 3 Bed Cortains, 2 Bed Sheets. 3 Cane Stools, I Signal Lamp, 3 Blankets, I Tea Pot, I Coffee Pot, 1 Cooking Stove and Kettles, Knives, Forks, Crockery, &c. inch Manila Rope, 50 fathoms; Sundry Running Rigging, Blocks, &c., &c.

J. H. COLE, Auctioneer, FOR HONCKONC!

The A 1 Bremen Bark

A. TOBIAS, Master. Will have IMMEDIATE DISPATCH for the above port.

For Freight and Passage apply to H. HACKFELD & Co. Hawaiian Steam and

GENERAL INTER-ISLAND NAV. CO.

The Fine Schooner @ Onward, LAMBERT, Master.

Will continue for the present in the Kawaihae Trade!

160 tons register, will run for the present To KOLOA and WAINEA. Kauai.

The Clipper Schooner Nettie Merrill!

FOUNTAIN, Master. Will run as a regular packet to Lahaina and Maalaea Bay. For particulars apply to

Capt. FRANK MOLTENO, Or JANION, GREEN & Co.,

Agents H. S. and G. I. I. N. Co. NOTICE.

MAIRBANKS'STANDARD PLANTATION

Hay, Coal, Grain, Warehouse,

Grocers, Druggist, Butchers, and Bankers

Scales! Of all Capacities and Dimensions. AT THE MANUFACTURER'S BRANCH HOUSE ON THE

FAIRBANKS & HUTCHINSON. 334 Mentgemery St., San Francisco Ir Send for an Illustrated Catalogue,

To Let.

THE STORE NOW OCCUPIED BY F. HORN.

FOR RENT. THAT DESIRABLE HOUSE ON EM-MA SQUARE, containing six rooms and servants' i bath-house, stable, &c. Apply to J. W. AUSTIN.

Honolulu, Jan. 27, 1866. House to Rent! IN NUUANU VALLEY, TWO AND lles from town. For particulars apply to C. E. WILLIAMS, Honolulu.

The Foundry Business, HERETOFORE CARRIED ON UNDER

The Honolulu Iron Works Company!

All communications or applications for machinery, for tenders, contracts, or for information connected with the business, may THOMAS HUGHES, Manager,

Or to JANION, GREEN & Co., Agents. THOMAS HUGHES. Honolulu, Jan. 1st, 1866

VALUABLE LAND For Sale!

THE VALUABLE AND PLEASANTLY

"Moakea," on Molokai! Is offered for sale for the purpose of closing the estate of the late Captain THOMAS KING. This land is situated on the Eastern end of Molokas and

contains 1500 acres, more or less; about 500 acres of which are excellent Cane Land. The land extends from the mountain to the sea, a small island off the coast belongs to the land, and there is a landing for boats and a fishing right. A fine stream of water runs through the land and there is an abundance of WOOD on the estate. This is one of the finest locations on the group, giving a splendid view of the channels and the open Sea to the north-

ward and is only offered for sale to close the estate. For particulars apply t FRANK MOLTENO,

Or to PETER H. TREADWAY, Labaina.

THE UNDERSIGNED FORMERLY PRO-CITIZENS OF HONOLULU! Irwin, the gentlemanty and energetic book-keeper

-AND THE-TRAVELLING PUBLIC GENERALLY,

That he has taken the well known premises on Beretania street, recently occupied by the British Commissioner, which he will STEAMER SALE .- The Kilonea, with all her ma-

FIRST CLASS HOTEL! The accommodations are ample, there being numerous sleeping

rooms, the situation airy, and the fine shrubbery and shade trees on the premises will make it a pleasant retreat. The proprietor trusts that his previous reputation gained in he management of the "Aldrich House," will be a sufficient guarantee that he will still continue to merit a share of the No pains or expense will be spared in providing the guests with all the delicacies as well as the solids that the marke;

THE PACIFIC Commercial Advertiser.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17. NOTES OF THE WEEK.

22 MADAME BISHOP and Mr. Lascelles leave for China in the bark Libelle next week, and will give only one more concert here before their departure. They purpose visiting the principal places in China, and perhaps Japan, and will then proceed to Australia, and perhaps New Zealand and Valparaisoa long journey, but for a person so well and favorably known as is Madame Bishop, it must be a pleasant one, for everywhere she meets those who have heard or known her before. On our fourth page we print a biographical sketch of her.

-It was her intention to have had a concert early the past week, but the unpleasant weather interfered with the plan, and owing to the arrival of the vessel in which she engaged passage, she can give only one farewell benefit concert this evening, at Smith's Church, which will be fitted up appropriately for her use. Application was made for the use of the Kawaiahao Stone Church, but the trustees declined to open it, as on the occasion of the last concert great damage was done to the seats and furniture. Madame Bishop has tried the qualities of Smith's Church, and finds it admirably adapted for vocal music. Front seats will be reserved for ladies and gentlemen at one dollar per ticket. We trust that on this occasion-her farewell benefit-she will be greeted with a full house, and that all who have not heard her will now do so, and all who have need no urging to attend this final concert. She will be assisted by Mr. Lascelles, the inimitable homorist and fine pianist, and the family. programme issued promises a treat which will not recur for many a month. Our citizens have certainly enjoyed a musical feast during her stay here, and wherever she may travel all will wish her and her party pleasant voyages.

237 Last week an order was issued by the American Consul, at the request of the Captain of the clipper ship Blue Jacket, for the arrest of one Thomas Duane, for being ashore without permission, and one Thomas Burns was arrested by the police under the writ, and imprisoned. The next day Burns was brought before Justice Robertson on a suit of habeas corpus, and the prisoner was discharged on the ground that he had never signed the shipping articles of that vessel, and was not legally attached to the ship. The court also remarked that there was no law of this kingdom or treaty stipulation which authorized the imprisonment of a seaman for "being ashore without permission," the law only applying to deserters and mutineers. After his release, Burns sued the Captain for damages for bringing him away for San Francisco, illegally as he claims, and for maltreatment on the passage hither. This suit is still pend-

Long Passages.—Both the Onward and the Libelle had long passages down, though the latter distanced her competitor four days. The D. C. Murray had not arrived at San Francisco up to the 24th of January-21 days out from this port. But at this season of the year the winds are variable and less reliable than during the prevalence of the trades. The Murray will probably be the first mail packet due, and ought to arrive here by the 25th inst., bringing the New York mails of January 1st and 11th. The Italian ship Teresa and the British ship Lottie Maria were soon to sail for Hongkong, but there is no certainty of their touching at this

A Correction.-It gives us pleasure to state that Mr. Alex. E. M'Gregor, formerly overseer of the Princeville Plantation, arrived at San Francisco in the last steamer from Panama, in improved health, showing that the statement made in this paper some weeks ago, that he had died in London, was incorrect. The information before given regarding him was received in a letter from England by Mr. Mc-Gregor's agent at Hanalei, who had evidently been deceived by some mischievous person.

Good Living-is essential to enjoyment and the indefatigable Loller is determined not to be behind the times in the Restaurant line as will be seen by our advertising columns. He is out again as large as ever, and no doubt can do what he promises to. Give him a call at the Eureka Restaurant on Hotel street, and there you will find every thing neat and tidy as a lady's boudon, with a most tempting bill of fare to choose from.

"Behold his breakfasts shine with reputation; His dinners, are the wonder of the nation.

Choice Grape Cuttings .- By the Ajax Mr. Severance received some choice slips of the Fisher Sagos grape, from the celebrated Natoma vineyard, Eldorado County. This variety is one of the finest flavored, of white translucent color, large size and oblong in shape. They are the only true raisin grape to be had on the coast, and at the fair for four years past have invariably taken the premium. Those wishing cuttings of it, can obtain them at the auction room at \$1 50 per dozen.

A Thirsty City.—San Francisco has 3,512 bars at which liquors are sold. The amount of license collected is over \$50,000. One of the papers alluding to rum's doings in that city, says:

"Two thousand nine hundred and four drunks are reported for the last year. Estimating each drank to result from a pint of ardent, we have five hogsheads and forty-eight gallons accounted for, Every drunk causes also six hours of headache, on the average, so that we have 47,424 hours of human misery to add to the sum total of our calculations.'

The reported loss of the schooner Annie Laurie, at Koloa, is confirmed. She went ashore very nearly in the same spot where the bark John Wesley was wrecked twelve years ago. Soon after striking the schooner broke in two amidships, her stern going ashore, while her bow still remains with the foremast standing. Most of her cargo was saved in in a damaged state.

of the bark Onward, for full files of papers up to ington's March," etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., the date of his leaving San Francisco, Also, to Home.' Messrs, C. W. Brooks & Co., and Aldrich, Merrill & Co., of that port, for similar favors.

Another cargo of Chinese coolies arrived vesterday. We shall import sufficient by and bye to drive off both natives and foreigners, if they come in at this rate. They are regarded as a public evil that, like all other evils, must be tol-

28 Our readers are indebted to Mr. William G. at Messrs. Walker, Allen & Co.'s, for the cargo and passengers of the bark Smyralote, which sails today for San Francisco.

Kawaihae, will be sold at public auction in this city on Tuesday next, on account of the underwriters. FURNITURE SALE .- The furniture of H. W. Severance, Esq., will be sold at auction on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at his residence in Fort street. Judging from the high prices obtained at the last sale, fur-

niture is in active demand.

chinery and fixtures, as she now lies on the reef at

last mail states that Mr. Bunch, lately Consul General at Havana, has been appointed to represent the British Government at Honolulu. The same authority states that he was removed from his former position at the request of the American Government, on account of his sympathy with the Southern rebels, and his efforts to aid blockade runners. If this be so, his transfer to a place where so strong Union sentiments prevail among Americans as in Honolulu, and where rebel sympathizers can make a very poor show, is extremely unfortunate. If England can find no one to represent her abroad but the supporters and aiders of Southern traitors, she had better be unrepresented. But there is no need of this. The present Acting Commissioner is an honor to his Government, and stands well with the foreign residents here of every country, and we are sure that, if it is necessary to send out a new representative, some one can be found who has not been a prominent antagonist of the Amer-

ican Government. OWHYHEE .- One of the most famous mines in Idaho is called after the name given to Hawaii by Capt. Cook. It is said to have been so christened by a couple of Hawaiians, who were in the employ of the Hudson Bay Company, and lived there, trading with the neighboring Indian tribes. They little thought then that the district of Owhyhee would become famous as a gold mining region-And the name is likely to become perpetuated there.

28 Those proposing to subscribe for foreign periodicals can find no better time than now. The next mail from New York will bring the magazines and papers of January 1, 1866. Harper's Magazine, as also the Weekly, ought to be taken in every

25 The Smyrniote will sail for San Francisco to-day, about 12 M., taking the foreign mails. The bark Ethan Allen will sail during the latter part of next week for the same port.

[Communicated.]

THE Kingdom of Hawaii is confessedly one of the smallest of the independent empires of Christendom, yet it really has attained to a comparatively high position amongst the family of nations. To retain that position, at least, if not to make further advance, ought assuredly to be the earnest endeavor, not only of His Majesty the King and his native-born subjects, but also of all foreigners who have made this their residence; and everything which can, in the most remote degree, tend to its derogation from that position ought to be most scrupulously and carefully avoided-more especially amongst high officials, where any infringement of that

and the status of the Kingdom. His Majesty has seen fit to elevate to his Cabinet, members of learned professions, which they had practiced with eminent success, up to the time of their elevation, and from the ordinary practice of which they were presumed to have withdrawn on their acceptance of the portfolios of their offices, according to the invariable custom elsewhere. The acceptance of office is considered tantamount to an acceptance of the

rule must be more conspicuous and proportion-

rules which govern it. Every one must certainly have witnessed the universal astonishment of our community on finding His Excellency, the present Minister of Finance, descending to the level of a " Sea-Lawyer," in which capacity he has appeared before a branch of the Supreme Court, during the present week, in the defence of what the Court decided to be a gross wrong. May we not expect to find him, next week, defending charges of drunkenness, furious riding, and other offences, which occupy the Court? Who can surmise where his cupidity may draw the

line of demarkation? The question naturally suggests itself, what must be the effect abroad of such conduct on the part of a Cabinet Minister? Must it not seriously damage the dignity of his Royal Master, who will, of course, be presumed to concede to his Minister the privilege of private practice of his original profession as an equivalent for that remuneration which it will be supposed His Majesty is not in a position adequately to

pay?

Most assuredly His Excellency should remember that there are other considerations which ought to influence his conduct besides the mere " lucre of gain;" and we are much mistaken if both his colleagues, and their Sovereign, do not call upon him to make a selection-either to devote himself to the important duties of his high office, or to resign his portfolio to some one more capable of appreciating the position and sustaining that dignity of the office which his conduct is so effectually tarnishing.

How intense would be the disgust of the late Foreign Minister, could be but witness how rapidly and effectually another Cabinet Minister is contributing to the demolition of that fabric which he was so eminently instrumental in CAUSTIC.

erecting. Honolulu, February 15, 1866.

Ze" From a private letter, received from Mr. Coan, since our last issue, we extract a few paragraphs which refer to the visit of the Lancaster, and

which will interest our readers: HILO, January 18, 1866. * * * * * "The Lancaster left us vesterday. We have had a very pleasant visit from Admiral Pearson and lady, and with their daughter, who all stopped with us while in port. They all seemed like our own people. The Admiral very kindly allowed his band to come on shore three times for the entertainment of the natives and foreigners. On the 16th we had a concert which passed off with great colat. Our meeting house was packed with natives and foreigners. The band played many stirring national airs, such as "Hail Columbia," "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Red, White and Thanks.-We are indebted to Capt. Hempstead, Blue," "Yankee Doodle," "John Brown," "Wash-

"The Admiral and the Chaplain, Mr. McLaren, each made a happy address, which were received with delight by the large audience. The people were congratulated for the remarkable evidences of improvement in knowledge, civilization and christianity. They were reminded of the source from whence all good has come down to them, and exhorted them to be diligent, thankful and faithful. The Admiral stated that he had nowhere seen better morals, more quiet and orderly society, more attentive and interesting congregations, or more evidences of sincere christianity and true piety.

"The Chaplain alluded to the dark and solemn days of our American rebellion; to the awful and bloody war; to the time when the nation stood aghast with fear, and when many hearts sunk in despair; and to the glorious fact that the Lord Jehovah had appeared for our help, and brought us triamphantly through this sea of sorrow, of darkness and blood, and caused our flag again to wave over a broad land and a united people. Had, said he, our enemies triumphed, and our nation have been divided, and her cherished institutions other nations under this dishonored symbol of frees I the departure of the French troops,

BRITISH COMMISSIONER .- A letter received by the | dom-but now I am proud of that flag wherever it waves. He also remarked that in Panama he had seen the streets full of abject beggars; but that during his whole visit, and all his travels on the

Hawaiian Islands, he had not met one beggar. During the intervals, while the band rested, Mr Lyman's scholars played sweetly on their flutes and Mr. Hitchcock's choir sang in English several

songs, which were received with admiration. "At the close of the concert the whole andlence passed a vote of thanks to the Admiral and suite, to the band, and to all who had contributed to their entertainment. All passed off admirably, and the people returned happy and delighted to

 Our new volcano, which commenced its eruption Dec. 30th, is still active. It is the vast terminal crater, Maknaweoweo, on the summit of Maunaloa. It is confined to this crater, and will not probably, overflow the rim or break out laterally.

[Communicated.]

Mr. EDITOR:-That the Hawaiian Government should subsidize the Gazette, to enable it, if possible, to run you off the track, is a question, the propriety of which I shall leave for you to discuss, but that the Gazette should step in to assist one firm on the street to do the same kindly (*) office for another is a question that should interest all.

In last Saturday's issue of the Gazette the follow-

ing paragraph appears in the commercial article:

"The steamer Ajax is, on the Post Office bulletin, to sail to-morrow. She takes a large number of passengers, but rather a small amount of freight. If it is true (?) that the agents of the Hawaiian Packet Line do the commercial articles for the Gazette, the whole matter is at once explained.

They were merely measuring the agents of the steamer by their own bushel. The Post Office bulletin might say she would sail on Saturday, but they, the agents of the Hawaiian Packet Line, did not believe it. It is true, it is a small matter to discuss; but the principle of allowing the Gazette to favor one enterprise against another is a pernicious one, and

should be frowned down at once. A fair, open competition in business never does harm; so, if the steamer line and the Hawaiian Packet Line are to have a tussle for the freight and passengers between this port and San Francisco, let the Gazette step out of the ring and observe a strict and dignified neutrality, or else properly credit its articles - PREPARED EXPRESSLY FOR THE Gazette, BY WE, Yours.

Those Benches. Mr. Editor:-The undersigned would hereby express the thanks of such of the public as are interested, as well as his own, to Mr. S. N. Castle for his account, in your paper of the 3d inst., of the transfer of sixty dollars from the Government School Treasurer of Kau: which is, it seems, what was referred to by the Government organ, in its issue of Jan. 13th, when it speaks of a grant having been made by the Board of Education to the Boarding School for girls at Waialua.

It is an interesting history. An unabridged history might, however, be written still more interesting and instructive than that written by Mr. ally more damaging to the dignity of the Crown | Castle. Yours, truly, O. H. GULICK. Waialua, Oahu, Feb. 12, 1866.

Personal. Mr. Epitor:-I noticed the following paragraph attached to an advertisement in your last week's

" N. B.-Having been already deceived by some calling themselves brewers, only a man well rec-

ommended need apply. As I was the last person in the employ of the party, as brewer, it reflects somewhat on my ability to fill that position. The facts of the case are, that I was in the employ for five months, and gave notice a month before my leaving of my intention to do so, and was arged repeatedly to remain, but refused, and was compelled to engage a lawyer to

obtain a settlement. These facts, and not my want of ability as a brewer, no doubt, led to the objectionable para-HENRY FLICKENSTEIN.

FOREIGN NEWS

One Week Later.

By the bark Onward we have dates from San Francisco to January 20th, and by the bark Libelle, which arrived the same day, to the 24th January. The Eastern telegraphic news is to the 20th of January. The following embraces the principal items:

Jeff. Davis' Sympathisers Discharged. FORTRESS MONROE, Jan. 16th .- Orders were received yesterday from the War Department, to discharge all employees in the various Government departments of this district, who have been in any way connected with the rebel service, commanding the immediate dismissal of all such, about 200 in number, giving them short notice to leave the place. The agent of the National Express Company was also sent away for the above reason. The order was undoubtedly caused by the rumor that an organization was being formed to rescue Jeff. Davis. Armed picket boats are on duty constantly to ex-

amine all vessels arriving at this harbor. NEW YORK, Jan. 18th.-The Herald's Fortress Monroe correspondent says the vigilance of the military authorities, in their search for any persons who may be concerned in the supposed plot to liberate Jeff. Davis, has not been in any degree relaxed since the expulsion from the district of all who are known to have been at one time in the rebel service. A sharp lookout is still kept on all arrivals both by land and water, and the conspirators, if the plot really exists, have little opportunity for the prosecu-

tion of their scheme. Sr. Louis, Jan. 18th.—The Kansas State Senate yesterday passed resolutions favoring the trial, conviction and hanging of Jeff. Davis and other leaders of the rebellion equally guilty of treason.

Miscellaneous. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19th .- The Chilian Minister to-day received official intelligence that the Spanish

fleet was about to raise the blockade of the Chilian Congress has conferred the franking privilege on PIRATE SEMMES .- Semmes is held in close confine-

ment at Marine Barracks, awaiting action. He is in good health and spirits, and is confident of being able to justify his conduct during the rebellion. Letters have been received from A. H. Stephens stating that the condition and persecutions of Union men in Georgia are at this time vastly worse than

during the rebellion.

New York, Jan. 18th.-La Cronica, the Spanish | and black, have been mustered out of the service. organ, confirms the reported suicide of Admiral Pa- | The national army now comprises 120,000 men. rega, after the capture of the gunboat Canandaigna by the Chilians. Private letters from trustworthy sources have been received from Paris, stating that the Legislature of

the French Empire will assemble about the 18th instant, and the Emperor, in his opening address, will express the most amiable sentiments towards the United States, and unless in the meanwhile the relations of the two countries become hostile by measures or questions of honor, he will promise to evacuate Mexico as promptly as possible.

European. The Fenian trial was concluded at Cork on the 2d, and several more prisoners were convicted and sen-

tenced. The trials of the remainder were adjourned to the Assizes, and many liberated on bail. John McAfferty and W. McKay, being aliens, were admitted on bail. The Judge told them if they would leave the country they would not be called upon for trial. These men were cheered through the streets by large crowds. The Emperor Napoleon gave his usual New Year's

reception to the diplomatic body, and expressed his happiness that the past year had strengthened the bonds of peace, and was an augury for a long duration of peace and prosperity over the world. The Pope received the congratulations of the

French army on the 1st inst. He returned his thanks, and said it would probably be the last time he could bestow his blessings on them. He feared subverted, I should have been ashamed to visit | the enemies of the Church would go to Rome after Congressional.

Washington, Jan. 15th .- Quite a stir occurred in the Senate to-day, on Mr. Chandler offering a resolution in regard to indemnifying the owners of American vessels destroyed by Confederate pirates fitted out in British ports. It reads: "Whereas, the British Government refused indemnity for damages done American commerce by her subjects; therefore, resolved, that the President be requested to withdraw our Minister from the Court of St. James, and declare national non-intercourse between the two na-

Mr. Dixon objected to the resolution. It laid over under the rule. Laid on the table-yeas 85, noes 12 Mr. Chandler gave notice that he would, at an early day, read the British Foreign Enlistment Law, and

move the repeal of all existing neutrality. Mr. Clark, of Kansas, is now speaking on the negro suffrage question. The question of extending suffrage in the District of Columbia came up, and after considerable discussion the House voted on the bill as originally introduced by Mr. Kelley, and reported back by Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, without amendment, and which provides that all laws and parts of laws prescribing the qualifications of electors for any office in the District of Columbia with the word "white" shall be and the same is hereby stricken out; that from and after the passage of this act, no person shall be disqualified from voting at any election held in such district on account of color, and that all acts of Congress and laws of the State of Maryland in force in said district and in Washington and Georgetown, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed and annulled." The bill passed-yeas 116, nays 54. When the result of the vote was announced applause followed from floor to galleries.

Mexican Matters.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 .- The Times' Havana correspondence of January 11 says, the latest advices are unfavorable to the Imperial cause in Mexico. Engagements with varied success on either side have taken place. A band of conspirators to assassinate Maximilian's Secretary of War, had been arrested at the very moment of endeavoring to carry their design into effect. A court martial at Jalapa had sentenced several guerillas to death. Another court martial had sentenced six leaders of the mutinous Zonaves at Martinique to be shot, three to 15 years hard labor, and several others to years of imprisonment.

Maximilian. General Weitzel sent vigorous protest against this barbarism. The Herald's Vera Cruz correspondent sends intelligence of a Republican success of an important character. Toluca, the ancient capital of Mexico, a city of 12,000 inhabitants, was captured by the Juarezists, under Nunez, and Marshal Bazaine with all

the Imperial troops at hand had started from the city

of Mexico to attempt to retake possession.

One hundred and seventy Liberals, recently cap-

tured by the Imperialists, were ordered to be shot by

The fighting in the interior appears to have so far resulted rather unfavorably for the Republicans; but all accounts unite on the point that the position of Maximilian is most critical. The new French commander, Com. Didelote, had arrived at Vera Cruz, and had proceeded to the City

of Mexico to consult Marshal Bazaine on the subject of the existing relations between the United States, France and the Mexican Empire. President Johnson's Message had been received in the city of Mexico with a feeling of relief that war was not to be immediately made upon the Imperial Government. Vera Cruz papers regard the outbreak of hostilities between the United States and France as inevitable and only a question of time.

From the West Indies.

New York, Jan. 18 .- Advices from Guadaloupe via Bermuda, report the cholera still prevailing there, the average deaths being 131 per day in a population The rumored proposal to cede the Island of Saint

Domingo to England, is exciting some comment at The Kingston, Jamaica, Standard of December 9, in noticing the outery with which the wholesale executions on the island had been received in Europe, affirms that the negro plot was a stern and horrible reality, and was only prevented from developing

Telegraphic and other Items.

itself by the rapid movements of the troops.

A plan is already on foot for the rapid reconstruction of Dr. Tyng's church. It is stated that Mr. Chas. Francis Adams, our Minister in London, intends to resign his position early in the spring.

One of our exchanges says: Dr. Joseph Worcester, author of a dictionary and inventor of Worcestershire The largest Sunday school in America is to be found in Cincinnati. It has twenty-five hundred

The cheapest edition of the Pilgrim's Progress ever published is now selling in London at one penny a copy.

women and children, in Jamaica. How about the bombardment of Charleston? Warm blood by the tamblerfull is given to consumptives in France. The slaughter-houses furnish an excellent article.

An English gunboat lately shelled a crowd of

The Boston Post likens James River to a keg of lager beer, because both flow into the Dutch Gap. The mortality in the United States hospitals, durthe late war, was only nine per cent. In the Crimean war it was fifty per cent.

cotton extensively and to raise it by their own labor. They also invite their countrymen to emigrate to the A violent war is raging in France between the allopaths and homoeopaths as to the best modes of

treating the cholera.

The Germans in Texas are preparing to plant

By the steamer John L. Stephens, from Mazatlan, we have news of a successful revolution in Lower California, in favor of the Republic. The Liberals captured all the Imperial officials at La Paz. Escaped prisoners have arrived at Mazatlan. The Gulf squadron consists of twenty vessels, carrying 138 guns. Commodore Winslow, the hero of

the Kearsarge, has been assigned to the command.

The squadron includes iron-clads capable of sinking the French fleet now in the Gulf of Mexico. A brief synopsis of the report of General Carl Schurz, upon the condition of the South, is among the news. The General's observations lead him to the conclusion that the extension of the franchise to the negroes is necessary to the protection of their

By the death of the Earl of Strathmore, the life insurance companies have to meet a claim amounting to £200,000, or about \$1,000,000. The Scotch insurance offices are those principally concerned, several policies were effected with English companies. The late Charles W. Morgan, of New Bedford, bequeathed to the Orphans' Home \$2,000, to the Port

Society \$1,000, and to the Dorcas Society \$250. During the visit of the cholera, in 1849, the common house flies died, and none were to be seen after the epidemic had prevailed a short time. Since the 31st of October, 55,000 troops, white

A locomotive boiler exploded on the Grand Trunk railroad lately, when a train was going at the rate of 25 miles per hour. Nobody was killed, and but few were injured.

The American State of Mexico, from her past entangled government, might properly be called Maxico. It's would-be (Austrian) Emperor, however, purposes to christen the republic Maxico. At present we think it might properly be called Muxico.

A writer in an exchange, whose plums had suffered by the curculio, cut a sheep skin, in wool, into strips, dipped in petroleum, nailed them about the trees two feet from the ground, and had nice ripe

Secretary Seward and family sailed on the night of December 30th for the South Atlantic, and, it is said, will be absent two or three weeks. A new dodge of thieves is to cut off ladies' waterfalls with a sharp knife. The regues estimate a scalp

at about ten dollars, exclusive of ornaments. Henry Winter Davis, Maryland's most eloquent orator and formerly a leading Representative in Congress, is dead, at the age of 48. The success of the emancipation movement in Maryland is to be mainly attributed to the bold, able and persistent efforts of

No LIQUOR,-Martha's Vineyard is the pride of the Massachusetts people. In the whole county there is no place where liquor is sold openly (very thirsty persons may get it by private contract); the Court meets and has nothing to do; and lawyers don't

flourish.